Starving Your Dog or Cat
Is Against the Law . . .

If the average person decided to withhold food from their dog or cat for days or weeks, that person would probably be charged with cruelty to animals and the media would take the story and run with it. Yet, each year the egg industry intentionally deprives millions of hens of all food for up to 14 days. But the cameras aren't rolling and no one is going to jail.

The U.S. egg industry force molts – intentionally starves – entire flocks to manipulate their metabolism, forcing exhausted hens to produce a few hundred more eggs before going to slaughter.

During the forced molt, hungry hens peck desperately at empty metal food trays. They are driven to pluck and eat each others' feathers to obtain nutrients. Denuded of feathers and deranged by fear, they lose up to 35 percent of their body weight. Countless hens die from the stress.

Forced molting is so stressful it increases bone breakage and impairs the hens' immune system, predisposing the birds and their eggs to Salmonella infection. USDA immunologist Peter Holt reports, "Molting, in combination with an SE (Salmonella enteritidis) infection, created an actual disease state in the alimentary tract of affected hens."

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THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE STRUNG UP + SHOT – WHAT CRUELTY FOR A BUCK.

Dear FDA,

Forced molting of hens used in egg production is cruel to the birds and increases the spread of Salmonella enteritidis infection. Please grant the petition, filed under docket #98P-0203/CP, that would eliminate this practice.

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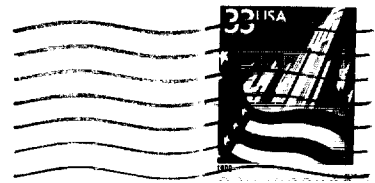City, State, Zip _San Antonio, TX   78232_

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